GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:567
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2005
AMIT MITRA COMMITTEE
Sethi Shri Arjun Charan

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by Dr. Amit Mitra Committee, constituted by the Government to make recommendations for 2nd Phase of FM Radio broadcasting;

(b) the recommendations which have been accepted by the Government so far and the action taken for its implementation;

(c) the recommendations which have not been accepted by the Government alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of radio stations proposed to be set up in various parts of the country during the current year alongwith the locations thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d): A Satement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 567 FOR 5.5.2005 REGARDING AMIT MITRA COMMITTEE.

(a) Dr. Amit Mitra Committee made recommendations for Phase II of private FM radio broadcasting on various issues including licensing process, license fee, networking, co- location, foreign investment and migration. The detailed recommendations of the Committee are available on this Ministry`s website (http://www.mib.nic.in).

(b) & (c) The recommendations of Mitra Committee were referred to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for examination and making suitable recommendations to the Government. The recommendations of TRAI have been received. The policy for 2nd phase of private FM radio is under consideration.

(d) More than 300 private FM radio stations at 90 locations across the country are envisaged to be set up in Phase II of private FM radio broadcasting.